

January 18, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, January 26, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft December 8, 2005 Minutes

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

2. Approve Draft minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.* ADOT Red Letter Process

In June of 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2005, to December

6. For information and discussion.

31, 2005. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the materials in Attachment One.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Selection of CMAQ Funded Dirt Road Paving Projects for FY 2007

A total of \$1.35 million in CMAQ funds has been programmed in FY 2007 for the paving of dirt roads in the MAG Region. Following a selection process that was carried out in September and October, 2005, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) has recommended that the following projects should utilize the funds available: Cave Creek (\$250,000 for various unpaved roads); Chandler (\$325,000 for Commonwealth Avenue; Hamilton Street to McQueen Road); and Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation (\$775,000 for various unpaved roads). The Committee is requested to review the AQTAC recommendations and take action as appropriate. Please refer to Attachment Two.

8. Update on Construction Costs and Possible Impact on the ADOT Life Cycle Program

On January 6, 2006, MAG sponsored a Challenge of Construction Forum to obtain insight into the causes and possible solutions to mitigate the recent large increases in construction costs. The forum included representatives from both the American General Contractors (AGC) Association and the Arizona Chapter of the AGC, along with experts familiar with recent cost trends for highways, schools, home building, and commercial construction. As part of the forum, there were also discussions concerning the possible impacts of higher construction costs on the Proposition 400 ADOT Life Cycle Program. The results of these discussions and an overall summary of the

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend that the three projects be awarded the CMAQ funds programmed in FY 2007 and to recommend authorizing a TIP Administrative Adjustment to allow the projects to be implemented.

8. For information and discussion.

Forum is included in Attachment Three.

9. Grand Avenue Major Investment Study - Phase II

A Major Investment Study has been completed for Grand Avenue between SR 101L and McDowell Road. The study recommends a package of projects for the regional highway funding identified in the Regional Transportation Plan for this segment of Grand Avenue. Exhibits ES.3 through ES.6 in the enclosed Executive Summary summarize the proposed project concepts and funding allocations. Please refer to Attachment Four.

10. Proposed FY 2007 Projects for the MAG Transportation Division

MAG is in the process of developing the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2007. As part of this process, the Transportation Division is proposing a number of projects that are needed to enhance the regional travel demand modeling process and to monitor system performance; to address projects associated with certain elements of SAFETEA-LU; and to provide further refinement in certain transportation program areas such as safety and ITS. Please refer to Attachment Five for the description for each proposed project.

11. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the proposed package of projects on Grand Avenue between SR101L and McDowell Road for inclusion in the ADOT Freeway/Highway Life Cycle Program.

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.